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## RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 12.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1-6, and 8-18.

Please add and consider the following new claims:

19. (New) A method of health care benefit billing, payment and reporting, comprising the steps of: